

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **9 January 2006**, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-28. Claims 1-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Provino et al (USPN 6,535,929, hereinafter “Provino”).

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Independent claims 1, 11, and 20 were rejected as being anticipated by Provino. Applicant respectfully points out that Provino teaches sharing data among applications, which use **different addressing modes** on systems that execute compatible operating systems, such as the Microsoft Windows® operating system (see Provino, FIG. 1 and col. 3, lines 36-48).

In contrast, the present invention provides techniques for communicating between devices with **incompatible communication protocols**, such as devices using disparate operating systems (see FIG. 1, and paragraph [0018] of the instant application). This is beneficial because it allows devices, which have no common communication protocol or a priori knowledge of each other’s communication protocol, to establish communications with each other. There is nothing within Provino, either explicit or implicit, which suggests providing techniques for establishing communications between devices with incompatible communication protocols.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 11, and 20 to clarify that the present invention provides techniques for communicating between devices with incompatible communication protocols. These amendments find support in FIG. 1, and in paragraph [0018] of the instant application.

Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 11, and 20 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 2-10, which depend upon claim 1, claims 12-19, which depend upon claim 11, and claims 21-28, which depend upon claim 20, are for the

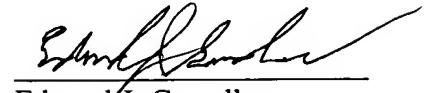
same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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